

Charter Start! 101 March 2, 2009
Idaho State Department of Education
J.R. Williams Building (Main Floor)
East and West Conference Rooms

The Idaho State Department of Education, accordance with Section 33-5211, Idaho Code, provides technical assistance to charter school petitioners by conducting 2 full day public charter school workshops annually. As outlined in Board Rule, the purpose of these workshops is to *provide public charter school petitioners with a brief overview of a variety of educational and operational issues relating to public charter schools, as well as to answer questions and to provide technical assistance, as may be necessary, to aid petitioners in the preparation of public charter school petitions.*

New legislation requires that a representative of the founding board attend a full-day public charter school workshop offered by the State Department of Education and that proof of attendance be submitted by the petitioners to an authorized chartering entity along with the petition.

Charter Start! 101 is an introductory session designed to touch on topics that are considered essential to new charter school developers. The State Department of Education is partnering with the Idaho Charter School Network, and other charter support organizations to expand the *Charter Start!* Program and provide additional targeted assistance to charter developers throughout the chartering process—from conception to implementation. Charter Start! Seminars are offered on a monthly basis via e-conferences, phone conferences and regional workshops.

This workshop is open to all new charter developers and to individuals interested in a public school conversion. It is designed to support charter school developers at all stages: from vision to implementation. We encourage teams of interested individuals to attend the workshop together. Presenters will provide hands-on technical assistance in breakout sessions immediately following their presentations. Contact Lori Howard, School Choice Administrative Assistant at lahoward@sde.idaho.gov to register.

8:00-8:30	Registration Continental Breakfast Provided Onsite	Main Session: East Conference Room	Breakout Session: West Conference Room
8:30-8:45	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<u>Tom Luna</u> (15 minutes) Superintendent of Public Instruction, SDE	
8:45-9:15	<u>Charter School 101:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Logistics • Introductions • National and Statewide Perspectives • Leadership for Educational Entrepreneurs • Venture Capital: Charter School Development Grants 	<u>Shirley Rau</u> (30 minutes) School Choice Coordinator, SDE	
9:15-9:45	<u>From Dreams to Reality:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petitioning Process and Timeline • Laws and Rules that Govern Idaho Charters • Walk through the <i>Charter School Manual</i> 	<u>Tamara Baysinger</u> (30 minutes) Charter Schools Program Manager Idaho Public Charter School Commission	<u>Hands-On:</u> <u>Writing a CSP Grant</u> Shirley Rau

9:45-10:00	Break - Networking		
10:00-11:00	<u>Sustainable Organizational Strategies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning • Board Effectiveness • Leadership and Administration • Marketing and Communication • Fundraising 	<u>Beth Geagan</u> (60 minutes) Balance Business	<u>Hands-On:</u> <u>Writing the Petition</u> Tamara Baysinger Shirley Rau
11:00-11:15	<u>Facility Funding Overview</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities and Business Planning • Needs Assessment • Short-Term and Long Team Plan • Site Descriptions • Contingency Plan 	<u>Diane Demarest</u> (15 minutes) Executive Director Idaho Charter School Network	
11:15-11:30	Break - Networking		
11:30-12:30	<u>Working Lunch:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Finance • Budget • Federal Programs/Funding • Box Lunch Provided Onsite 	<u>Greg Berg</u> (20 minutes) Finance Coordinator, SDE <u>Julie Oberle</u> (20 minutes) Finance Coordinator, SDE <u>Lester Wyer</u> (20 minutes) Grants/Contracts/Techs Coordinator, SDE	<u>Hands-On:</u> <u>Writing the Petition</u> Beth Geagan Diane Demarest
12:30-1:30	<u>School Operations Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance, Leadership and Management • Authorizer Relations • Policies/Procedures for Students/Employees • Community and Parent Relations • Marketing and Recruiting • Hiring and Staff Evaluation • Facilities and Finance • Building Organizational Capacity • Education Program Alignment • What We Would Have Done Differently 	<u>Suzanne Burton</u> (10 minutes) Director of School Operations ANSER Charter School <u>Joe Devera</u> (10 minutes) Governing Board North Star Charter School <u>Susanne Gregg</u> (10 minutes) Education Director ANSER Charter School <u>Kelly Trudeau</u> (10 minutes) Head of School Compass Public Charter School	<u>Hands On:</u> <u>School Finance</u> Greg Berg Julie Oberle Lester Wyer

1:30-1:45	Break-Networking		
1:45-2:15	<u>Promoting High Achievement for All Students:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable Student Education Standards • Data Analysis that Promotes Student Achievement 	<u>Tamara Baysinger</u> (15 minutes) <u>Kerri Pickett Hoffman</u> (15 minutes) Education Director Idaho Virtual Academy	<u>Hands On:</u> <u>School Operations</u> Suzanne Burton Jackie Collins Joe Devera Susanne Gregg Kelly Trudeau
2:15-3:15	<u>Student Support Services Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Transportation • Health and Safety • Crisis Management Planning/Safe Schools • Child Nutrition • Certification • Accreditation/Graduation Requirements 	<u>Lanette Daw</u> (10 minutes) Transportation Specialist, SDE <u>Matt McCarter</u> (10 minutes) Safe/Drug Free Schools Coordinator, SDE <u>Christina Linder</u> (10 minutes) Director Certification, SDE <u>Nick Smith</u> (10 minutes) Deputy Superintendent, SDE Division of District Support	<u>Hands On:</u> <u>Writing the Petition</u> Tamara Baysinger
3:15-3:30	Break-Networking		
3:30-4:30	<u>Promoting Achievement in Special Populations of Students:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Growth and Achievement • Planning Resources • Professional Development • Recruitment and Retention • Community Partners 	<u>Marcia Beckman</u> (10 minutes) NCLB/Title I Programs Director <u>Fernanda Brenefur</u> (10 minutes) LEP/Title II Coordinator <u>Jean Taylor</u> (10 minutes) Special Education Director <u>Val Schorzman</u> (10 minutes) Gifted and Talented Coordinator	<u>Hands-On:</u> <u>Writing the Petition</u> Lanette Daw Matt McCarter Christina Linder Nick Smith
4:30-5:00	<u>Directions and Next Steps:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps to Approval - Negotiating the Process • Marketing and Recruitment • Community Partnerships • Networking Advocacy and Resources 	<u>Isaac Moffet</u> Founding Board Nampa Classical Academy (opening 2009) <u>Debbie Infanger</u> Founding Board North Valley Academy (opened 2008)	<u>Hands-On:</u> <u>New Visions</u> Marcia Beckman Fernanda Brendefur Val Schorzman Jean Taylor
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